

# welcome

## sunday worship

Please join us Sunday mornings at 9:40 a.m. for *the current* and at 8:15 a.m. or 11:00 a.m. for the Traditional Service. You can either join us in person at St. Mark's or view from our website or Facebook page anytime (you **do not** need to have a Facebook account to view). Visit [stmarkscarmel.org/connected](http://stmarkscarmel.org/connected).

## sunday small groups

### Adults

Detailed information is on a sign at the GROW Connection Tables and online at the bottom of [stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups](http://stmarkscarmel.org/studygroups).

### Kidz Church:

#### Nursery & Toddler Care Sundays, 8:15, 9:40 & 11:00 a.m.

Staffed by experienced, caring adults and teens, our nursery is here to care for our littlest members. Check-in children ages 6 weeks to 3 years in the education wing.

#### current kidz Sundays 9:40 a.m.

This program opens with music and worship arts, followed by age-appropriate classes with bible stories, experiments, crafts and games! Check-in children ages 4 to 4th grade in the education wing.

#### Club 56 for Middle Schoolers Sundays, Lower Level Den, 9:40 a.m.

Students in grades 5-6 meet in the Lower Level Den. Club 56 weaves together Bible instruction, some theology, service projects and relationship building.

*Thank you for putting all electronic devices on silent mode during worship.*

## September mission focus

### Society of St. Andrew

SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL HUNGER ACTION MONTH! Over 70 million people in the U.S. today are hungry or are food insecure, yet billions of pounds of good food are thrown away each year. Society of St. Andrew (SoSA) brings people together to harvest and share healthy food, reduce food waste, and build caring communities by offering nourishment to hungry neighbors. Formed in 1979, SoSA has partnered with faith groups, secular groups, schools, and individuals, that we might all serve together by feeding the hungry out of the abundance that we are provided. When you support the Society of St. Andrew, you are making sure that good food is not wasted and that our hungry brothers and sisters are fed. Visit [stmarkscarmel.org/missions](http://stmarkscarmel.org/missions) to learn more and to download the DAILY CALENDAR FOR PRAYER AND ACTION: scripture readings and related activities for each day, offering prayer and mission work which can be done from home!

### Kidz Learn & Grow Sundays 11:00 a.m.

Bible stories come to life through music, crafts, games and video! Check-in children ages 4 to 4th grade in the education wing.

### Kidz Music & Praise Sundays 11:00 a.m. (hybrid)

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord" during this in-person and online high energy class incorporating music, drama, art and puppets. Seasonal musicals are also rehearsed.

### Youth:

#### Cornerstone AM Class Sundays, Room M, 9:40 a.m.

Students in grades 7-12 meet in Room M where we read and discuss God's word & interactively apply it to everyday life.

#### Cornerstone Youth Fellowship Sundays, Wesley Hall, 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Students in grades 7-12 are invited to meet together for games, fellowship, and a short message. Contact Don Broad at [dbroad@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:dbroad@stmarkscarmel.org) for more information.

## circle of caring

Please join us in praying for the following individuals this week: Phyllis Delp, Phyllis Gidley and Georgia Herzog.

## sunday flowers

Flowers this week are given by Michelle & Brian White in memory of the birthday of their son, James Ross White.

# the CURRENT

September 25, 2022

16th Sunday after Pentecost



Luke 16:19-31

Pastor Brian K. White

How did Jesus deal with simple answers to complex questions? In the story of Lazarus at the gate of the wealthy man, we get a glimpse into the complexity of God's designs which cause us to confront the simple aphorisms we tend to lean on.

## notes

## give

We hope you'll give out of a desire to share what you've been given:

- ⇒ online at [stmarkscarmel.org/give](http://stmarkscarmel.org/give)
- ⇒ 100% of what is designated as mission offering during September will be given to **Society of St. Andrew**. Gifts for the operating budget, along with all undesignated gifts, support St. Mark's daily operations.

Karla Elliott / Associate Pastor  
Jonathan Cruz / Interim Worship Leader

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ST. MARK'S IS A COMMUNITY OF FOLLOWERS OF JESUS CHRIST THAT STRIVES TO **WELCOME** ALL PEOPLE, **GROW** IN KNOWLEDGE AND GRACE, AND **SERVE** OUR NEIGHBORS, LOCALLY AND GLOBALLY.

September 25, 2022 8:15 & 11:00 a.m. 16th Sunday after Pentecost

## order of worship

\*Please Stand As You Are Able

Prelude *Fanfare and Processional on All Creatures of Our God and King* arr. Camp Kirkland St. Mark's Orchestra

\*Welcome and Call to Worship Pastor Brian K. White

Leader: Those who love God,  
**People: God will deliver.**  
Leader: Those who know God by name,  
**People: God will protect.**  
Leader: Those who call out to God,  
**People: God will answer.**  
Leader: We gather this morning,  
**People: as those who trust God.**

\*Opening Hymn *O God, Our Help in Ages Past* Hymnal No. 117

\*Opening Prayer Carol Branson, 8:15 a.m.  
David Adams, 11:00 a.m.

Let us pray:  
**Almighty God,**  
**you create, redeem and sustain us, every moment of our lives.**  
**In you we place our trust.**  
**When we face illness, conflict, and fear,**  
**you are our steadfast protector.**  
**When we suffer setback and loss,**  
**you restore us through your love.**  
**When our lives prosper and we are comfortable,**  
**you move us to share our blessings with others.**  
**In times of hardship and plenty,**  
**you alone are the source of the life that really is life.**  
**Holy God, in love and trust,**  
**we live the power of your resurrection,**  
**through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

\*Passing God's Peace  
The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Reflecting Our Mission, Hospitality and Generosity  
(Please fill out the attendance pad at the end of the pew or register your attendance at [stmarkscarmel.org/attend](http://stmarkscarmel.org/attend). Observe who is sitting near you and greet them after the service.)

Special Music (11:00) *Kumbaya / Peace Like a River* Kidz Music & Praise

**Epistle Lesson** *1 Timothy 6:6-19* NT 210

**Special Music** *Lead On O King Eternal* arr. Steve Dunn  
St. Mark's Orchestra

**Pastoral Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer**  
Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.  
Amen.

**Presentation of Tithes and Offerings** (*Offering envelopes may be found in sign-in folder.*)

Prayer of Dedication  
Offertory *Holy, Holy, Holy* arr. David Winkler

**\*Doxology** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow* Hymnal No. 94

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!  
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!  
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**\*Gospel Lesson** *Luke 16:19-31* NT 79  
This is the Word of God for the people of God. **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon** *Unanswerable Questions* Pastor Brian K. White

**\*Hymn** *Open My Eyes, That I May See* Hymnal No. 454

**\*Benediction**

**\*Response** *O Spirit of the Living God (Stanza 4)* Hymnal No. 539

**So shall we know the power of Christ who came this world to save;  
so shall we rise with him to life which soars beyond the grave;  
and earth shall win true holiness, which makes thy children whole;  
till, perfected by thee, we reach creation's glorious goal!**

**\*Postlude** *Adagio* by Lichey Casey Hayes

## Community

To learn about other ways we connect and grow in community at St. Mark's, visit our website at <https://stmarkscarmel.org/events>.

**Thank you & Farewell to Jonathan TODAY | Following the current service**  
We are so thankful for the time that Jonathan Cruz has spent as our interim worship leader for the current service! Please join us in the gathering area after the current to wish him well and celebrate his time with us!

**Welcome Pastor Karla**  
There are several small-group gatherings scheduled to welcome Karla to St. Mark's. These gatherings will be a time to get to know our new Associate Pastor and share ideas about the vitality and mission of St. Mark's. If you would like to be a part of these gatherings, please signup via [stmarkscarmel.org/signups](http://stmarkscarmel.org/signups) or on the sheets on the connection tables. If you need help signing up you may call the church office at 317-846-4912.

**Mystery Dinner Theater**  
The fellowship committee is excited to announce that a Mystery Dinner Theater is being planned for February 26. Calling all thespians and "behind the scenes" players who would like to be involved in making it a festive night. Sign up today at the table in the Gathering Area or online at [stmarkscarmel.org/signups](http://stmarkscarmel.org/signups).

**Grow**  
**Financial Management Workshop**  
October 5 | 6:30-8:00 p.m. | Room B/C  
You are invited to join a special one-time combined session of the Grief Group, Widows Group (LIFT), and fall stewardship studies on Wednesday, October 5. Peter Reist, CPA, PFS, AIF will speak about "Peace of Mind: Financial Management for Life." Questions? Email [grow@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:grow@stmarkscarmel.org).

**Grief Group begins 9/28**  
Wednesdays, 9/28-11/16 | 6:30-8:00p.m.  
The process of moving through grief can be a lonely journey. You don't have to do it alone. Whether your loss was recent or long ago, you are welcome to join our fall 2022 Grief Group. We will use Julie Yarbrough's *Beyond the Broken Heart*, a book and video resource for group discussions. Books are available in the church entrance and Gathering Area GROW tables. Sign ups and more information at [stmarkscarmel.org/grief](http://stmarkscarmel.org/grief).

## Serve

For more information, contact Stephanie Cohen at [scohen@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:scohen@stmarkscarmel.org).

**Mission in Action Day & Potato Drop: October 8-9**  
Please join us for "Mission In Action"; our annual day of actively living out our motto: "Where Mission is a Way of Life." We will worship through serving, working as the hands and feet of Jesus. Mission opportunities include Potato Drop on Saturday, October 8; then on Sunday, October 9, mission projects both onsite and offsite. Go to [stmarkscarmel.org/mia-day](http://stmarkscarmel.org/mia-day) to learn more and sign up. Don't forget to wear your St. Mark's t-shirt!

**Red Bird Mission Trip**  
November 6-11, 2022  
We still have openings! Signups for this mission trip will remain open a while longer or until the team is full. Trip cost is \$425, and the deposit is needed as soon as possible. Financial assistance for this mission trip is available. SIGN UP TODAY at [stmarkscarmel.org/signups](http://stmarkscarmel.org/signups). Contact our Team Leader, Robert Jennings, for more information at [rcjennings5@gmail.com](mailto:rcjennings5@gmail.com).

**Coat and Shoe Drive**  
St. Mark's is having our annual Coat & Shoe Drive throughout September to support Hamilton Co. Kids Coats & Changing Footprints. New or gently used coats and shoes of ALL SIZES are being collected and will be part of our MIA Day projects. Thank you for helping keep families warm this winter.

**October Meals for Apartment Shelter Program**  
See how you can serve with us in providing weekly dinner meals for two families in the Apartment Shelter Program through Family Promise of Greater Indianapolis! Each Thursday in October, St. Mark's will sponsor 2 families. Help is needed to cook and/or deliver meals to families. Sign up at [stmarkscarmel.org/signups](http://stmarkscarmel.org/signups).

**World Communion Sunday**  
On October 2, 2022, we will celebrate World Communion Sunday. We look forward to this celebration each year when we participate in holy communion together and share our gifts to support scholarships for racial-ethnic students and trainees in their quest to become leaders who embody the mission of The United Methodist Church.

Sign up for these opportunities at [stmarkscarmel.org/signups](http://stmarkscarmel.org/signups).  
Donations can be left inside Door #2, M-F, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

## this week at st. mark's

**Sunday, September 25**

- Cornerstone Youth (Cornerstone Commons), 5:00 p.m.
- On This Spirit Walk (Room B/C & Zoom), 6:00 p.m.
- AA (Room B/C), 8:00 p.m.

**Monday, September 26**

- Coffee N Cameras (Room B/C), 9:00 a.m.

**Tuesday, September 27**

- Trustees (Room B/C & Zoom), 6:30 p.m.
- UMM Board (Conference Room), 7:00 p.m.
- Basketball (Wesley Hall), 7:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, September 28**

- Men's Bible Study (Room B/C), 6:30 a.m.
- Pastor's Bible Study (Room B/C), 9:30 a.m.
- Wednesday Bible Study (Cornerstone Commons), 9:30 a.m.
- ROMEOs (Le Peep), 11:00 a.m.
- Al Anon (Hybrid), 11:30 a.m.
- Current Rehearsal (Sanctuary), 5:30 p.m.
- Grief Group (Room B/C), 6:30 p.m.
- Handbells (Choir Room), 6:30 p.m.
- Chancel Choir (Sanctuary), 7:30 p.m.

**Thursday, September 29**

- Thursday Bible Study (Room B/C), 9:30 a.m.
- AA (Room G/H), 12:00 p.m.
- Craft Group (Room G/H), 6:00 p.m.

**Friday, September 30**

- Friday Bible Study (Room B/C), 9:30 a.m.

**Saturday, October 1**

- No scheduled activities

**Sunday, October 2**

- Cornerstone Youth (Cornerstone Commons), 5:00 p.m.
- On This Spirit Walk (Room B/C & Zoom), 6:00 p.m.
- AA (Room B/C), 8:00 p.m.

## ways to serve

- Serve as a communion steward or server
- Make coffee on Sunday mornings
- Volunteer in the A/V Booth
- Help on Sunday Welcome Team as Usher  
\_\_8:15am \_\_9:40am \_\_11:00am
- Help on Sunday Welcome Team as Greeter  
\_\_8:15am \_\_9:40am \_\_11:00am
- 2023 4th of July Parade Float Co-Chair — works with Kidz Music & Praise staff
- Sign up for Mission in Action Day and Potato Drop
- Donate items for Mission in Action Day
- Donate new or gently used coats and shoes
- Deliver donations to various missions served by St. Mark's
- Join the Red Bird Mission Trip November 6-11, 2022
- Cook & serve breakfast at Fletcher Place the 3rd Friday of the month

Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Please check your area(s) of interest and place in the offering baskets or church office, or complete online at [stmarkscarmel.org/ways-to-serve/](http://stmarkscarmel.org/ways-to-serve/). If you have questions contact the church at 317-846-4912 or [staff@stmarkscarmel.org](mailto:staff@stmarkscarmel.org).

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